Use of the term 'Azad Kashmir' by Pakistan in U.N.O.

*142. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has referred to Pak-occupied territory in Jammu and Kashmir as 'Azad Kashmir' in the United Nations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has raised this issue in the UN against Pakistan for using the term 'Azad Kashmir' as it is an occupied territory and there is neither legal nor moral sanction behind it; and

(c) if so, whether Pakistan has stopped this unauthorised reference or still continues the practice and what is the reaction of the UN in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (c) From time to time Pakistan continues to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir in UN forums and has on occasion referred to the term "Azad Kashmir". The United Nations does not recognise the so-called "Azad Kashmir."

(b) India has repudiated Pakistan's reference to so-called "Azad Kashmir" in the UN, in accordance with our policy that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and that the only dispute which remains to be resolved is the vacation of that port of Kashmir which remains under Pakistan's occupation.

Renewed demand by Pakistan for US AWACS

*143. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has renewed its demand for AWACS from U.S.A. for its use against India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government have taken up the matter with U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of any change in the status of Pakistan's long standing request for the acquisition of an Airborne Early Warning System from the USA.

(b) On several occasions Government has conveyed to the USA India's serious concern at the supply of sophisticated arms to Pakistan beyond its legitimate defence requirements.

Strengthening of the machinery of the Central Vigilance Commission

*144. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has suggested further strengthening of its machinery in view of the increase in corruption and malpractices in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A proposal for sanction of additional posts of Commissioners for Departmental Inquiries with supporting staff was received from Central Vigilance Commission in 1986 and they were sanctioned in 1987. No further proposal has been received thereafter.